

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING
REDISTRICTING OF COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS
FOR THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council for the City of Gulfport will hold a public hearing to give the citizens of this city an opportunity to provide input regarding redistricting the election districts from which members of the City Council are elected.

**The public hearing will be held in the
Council Chambers at Gulfport City Hall,
2309 15th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi on
Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 6:00 P.M.**

The Council is calling this hearing for the purpose of enabling citizens to comment, be heard and participate in the redistricting process. The Council has developed proposed redistricting plans to correct for population imbalance among the various election districts revealed by the 2010 Census data. The proposed redistricting plan will be submitted to the United States Department of Justice for approval under §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. This public notice, publicity concerning the upcoming public hearing and the opportunity to participate in the decision to adopt a proposed redistricting plan are very important matters that concern every citizen of Gulfport.

Federal law requires that the population of election districts vary no more than ten (10%) percent to insure equal representation and compliance with the one person, one vote requirement of the United States Constitution. Boundaries of the aforementioned election districts must be realigned to balance the population. The United States Department of Justice must approve any voting changes, including redistricting, and will examine how minority voting strength is affected by the changes.

The proposed redistricting plan has been prepared and is available for review. Any interested party desiring to review the redistricting plans may do so at Gulfport City Hall wherein copies of the maps and corresponding demographic data are available in the office of the Clerk of the Council. Further, the proposed redistricting plans are available on the city's web site at www.gulfport-ms.gov.